

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 13 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1 - 3, and 6 - 10 of copending application no. 10/284,519. Applicant submits herewith a terminal disclaimer and fee to remove the said rejection.

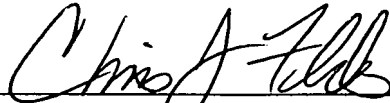
In view of all the foregoing, it is submitted that the rejection set forth in the Office Action has been overcome. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of claims 1-13 are requested.

This request for reconsideration is felt to be fully responsive to the comments and suggestions of the examiner and to place this application in condition for allowance. Favorable action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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